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O.A.T.H.S. Guidelines

Outstanding Ambassadors of Teams Honoring Sportsmanship

Sponsored by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association

Teams that participate in the O.A.T.H.S. program need to have their coaches review the following with fans and players prior to your league games. Coaches and Parents are also encouraged to attend PACT (Parents and Coaches Together) seminars sponsored by MYSA for a detailed discussion of appropriate behavior on and off the field for players, coaches and spectators. These are some of the criteria a referee will use when determining the number he or she circles in each category. Fans and players as well as coaches need to know the expectations for a positive youth sport experience. The team can learn a great deal from the adults that work to coaches or support the team. Let's make this a great experience.

Fans create a positive climate for all.

- This is displayed when fans support players on both teams by encouraging fair play.
- Fans refrain from yelling at athletes, referees, coaches, or other soccer spectators.
- Fans support the effort of all athletes.

Coaches treated all players and game officials with care and concern.

- Coaches use positive phrases when coaching their players and allow the players to play the game.
- Coaches display respect for all game officials.
- Coaches take the lead in affecting positive fan behavior by assisting in the establishment of agreed upon expectations for fans at team meetings.

Players played within the rules and the spirit of the game.

- Players know of the rules of the game.
- Players play soccer fairly and within the spirit of the game.
- Players encourage one another by words and actions.
- Players respect their visiting team players as fellow competitors.

Rewards for Participating

- Teams will receive a participation award and certificate of accomplishment.
- Recognition in Soccer Times and on the MYSA website.

There are other educational resources available to you on the MYSA web site at www.mnyouthsoccer.org/membership/parents.cfm that will help your players and fans to be Outstanding Ambassadors of Teams Honoring Sportsmanship.